

MINUTES

January 21, 2025

Bay Springs, MS

Present were Eddie Helms, Sandy Stephens, Doug Rogers, Randy Corley, Jon R. Jones, William R. Ruffin, Sharon King, Jessica Lamar, Cindy Hendry, Sheriff Randy Johnson, Kevin Tally, Haskins Montgomery, Hudson Jenkins, and Carol Evans

9:00 – None

11:00 – Public Hearing for Existing Mississippi Industry loan- No one appeared for hearing and hearing was adjourned at 11:15 am

- 1.** Motion made by Sandy Stephens, seconded by Jon R. Jones, the board voted unanimously to approve claims as of January 21, 2025.
- 2.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to approve payrolls for January 2025.
- 3.** Motion made by Eddie Helms, seconded by Doug Rogers, the board voted unanimously to approve Magnolia State Bank and Bank First as county depository for calendar year 2025 with Magnolia State Bank remaining the main account as primary depository for demand deposits.
- 4.** Motion made by Randy Corley, seconded by Jon R. Jones, the board voted unanimously to acknowledge receipt of 2024 Tax Loss Certificate from the Department of Revenue.
- 5.** Motion made by Jon R. Jones, seconded by Sandy Stephens, the board voted unanimously to acknowledge receipt of Fiscal Year 2022 Audit for East Jasper School District.
- 6.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Jon R. Jones, the board voted unanimously to approve inventory changes per exhibit provided by Cindy Hendry.

- 7.** Motion made by Jon R. Jones, seconded by Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to approve travel and expenses for Sheriff Randy Johnson to attend the Mid-Winter conference to be held in Flowood, MS on February 4-7, 2025.
- 8.** Motion made by Sandy Stephens, seconded by Jon R. Jones, the board voted unanimously to approve appointment of Jack Griffith as Commissioner for the North and South Grading Districts for a 5-year term.
- 9.** Motion made by Randy Corley, seconded by Eddie Helms, the board voted unanimously to approve payment in the amount of \$13,331.20 made payable to the Stringer Fire Protection District based on the assessed value of real property for 2024.
- 10.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Sandy Stephens, the board voted unanimously to approve payment in the amount of \$4,000.00 made payable to Emergency Equipment Service, LLC for the annual pump test of 16 firetrucks to be paid out of Fire Insurance Rebate funds.
- 11.** Motion made by Jon R. Jones, seconded by Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to approve payment in the amount of \$425.00 made payable to Mississippi Association of Supervisors for mid-winter registration fees for Randy Plowden.
- 12.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to declare an emergency situation in the jasper county jail in that the twinned furnaces that provide hot water are out of service and are not working and must be replaced immediately. A fact statement of the circumstances and conditions are attached hereto for the board to determine an emergency situation and the board votes unanimously to make an emergency purchase for 2 new Rheem Gas Twinned Furnaces, as identified by the specifications attached hereto, to be purchased from Metro Building Services in the amount of \$5,551.24 and to issue a purchase order number immediately to Metro Building Services, and work is requested to immediately install the same.

Motion 12- Facts and conclusions considered by the board for an emergency purchase of twinned furnaces for the Jasper county jail. It was brought to the attention of the Board of Supervisors on 1/21/2025, that the twinned furnaces providing hot water for the Jasper county jail had ceased working. Hot water for the jail is critical for use by inmates in bathing and cleaning the jail facility and this has created an emergency situation when hot water is not available especially in the winter time when the temperature is extremely cold. The board has determined based on facts that Metro Building Services, the maintenance contractor for the jail, has determined that the furnaces are out of service and must be replaced immediately to provide hot water to Jasper County inmates and the jail facility and that such created an emergency situation which exempts Jasper County from abiding by the purchase laws even though the unit replacement costs exceed \$5,000.00.

- 13.** Motion made by Eddie Helms, seconded by Doug Rogers, the board voted unanimously to approve lease purchase quote in the amount of \$156,000.00 at a rate of 4.74% for 48 months with Magnolia State Bank for the purchase of one (1) 2025 Kenworth T280 Dump Truck for Beat 1 as previously accepted by the purchase clerk.
- 14.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to approve advertising county resources in the amount of \$500.00 with Bay Fest.
- 15.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to approve re-employing Thompson and Associates, LLC as a consultant firm to assist the county to collect ad valorem taxes from all cell phone towers within the county and assist in the court matter as well as legislative matters and especially those now who have appealed the counties assessment for ad valorem taxes at a rate of \$4,583.00 per month for a period of one (1) year per code section 91-3-40 MCA.

- 16.** Motion made by Sandy Stephens, seconded by Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to approve proclamation of existence of emergency due to extreme cold, snow, ice, sleet, power outages, dangerous road conditions, ect., that occurred on January 21-22, 2025.
- 17.** Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Randy Corley, the board voted unanimously to approve appointment of James King as Commissioner for the Stringer Protection District for a 5-year term effective January 9, 2025 and to remove Shannon Lee.
- 18.** Motion made by Randy Corley, seconded by Doug Rogers, the board voted unanimously to adjourn.

DISCUSSION:

- **Letter of appreciation from Angie Duncan**
- **McCraney Striping now H & Sons Construction- new rates for your information**
- **Mid-Winter Conference February 5-7, 2025; Current reservations are for February 4-7 for everyone. Who is staying? What day do you plan to arrive?**
- **Truckworx is feeding us on February 6th @ 6:30 at McLain's. I need a headcount for Amanda.**
- **I need the list of items you all plan on selling at the auction, i.e., Truckworx Dump Trucks, ect**